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TERMINALS Nearly 4.8 billion passengers took to the air last year, with Atlanta's Hartsfield International, with 89.4 million passenger arrivals and departures, atop the list of the world's busiest terminals, followed by Chicago's O'Hare and London's Heathrow, according to the annual report issued yesterday by Airports Council International.

That figure was 6.8 per cent higher than the previous year.

Rounding out the top 10 were Tokyo Haneda, Los Angeles, Paris' Charles De Gaulle, Dallas-Fort Worth, Frankfurt, Germany, Beijing, and Madrid, Spain.

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Jump up **Getting ready for Caribana weekend**

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The clock counts down to this weekend's Caribana celebration as Mike Williams, left, and Felix Thomas work on completing costumes for tomorrow's Caribana King and Queen competition. **Story, page 3.**

Retailer wins 160 lottery prizes: Audit

PLAGUED The agency that oversees lotteries in Ontario remains plagued either by incompetence, bad management or both, critics said yesterday after an independent audit found one retailer claimed 160 prizes totalling more than $1 million in nine years.

The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. said it had no evidence of wrongdoing in the case, which involved a retailer in northwestern Ontario, but called police to investigate the unusually lucky lottery seller and his family.

The police probe was completed in June and won't result in criminal charges, OPP Sgt. Pierre Chamberland said yesterday.

OLG said an independent auditing firm has been reviewing past winner files, including lottery wins by retailers going back to 1995.

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Crime rates too high?

Tories to take further action to tackle crime, Justice Minister vows

Crime in Canada remains "unacceptably high" and the federal Conservatives are "just getting started" on their measures to tackle it, Justice Minister Rob Nicholson says.

He defended yesterday the Tories' move to mandatory sentences, saying it's vital to send a message to criminals involved in drugs and guns. And he made clear the Conservatives intend to take further action to tackle crime in the country.

The Conservatives campaigned on a law-and-order agenda in the last election and in recent months have implemented new legislation dictating longer minimum sentences for some drug and gun crimes.

"Crime rates are unacceptably high in Canada and we are prepared to do something about it."
Justice Minister Rob Nicholson

"Crime rates are unacceptably high in Canada and we are prepared to do something about it," Nicholson said after touring a youth detention centre in the nation's capital. "I can tell you we're all alone in that as a political party and as a government. I get no support from the other political parties … it's not a priority with them."

Asked whether mandatory sentences were a deterrent, Nicholson said such sentences convey a message criminals need to hear.

"We're sending out the right message, I think, when we're telling them you'll spend five years in a federal penitentiary and if you don't get the message the first time, it'll be seven years the second time," he said.

Without mandatory sentences, Nicholson suggested convicted criminals would be causing trouble on the streets of Canadian cities.

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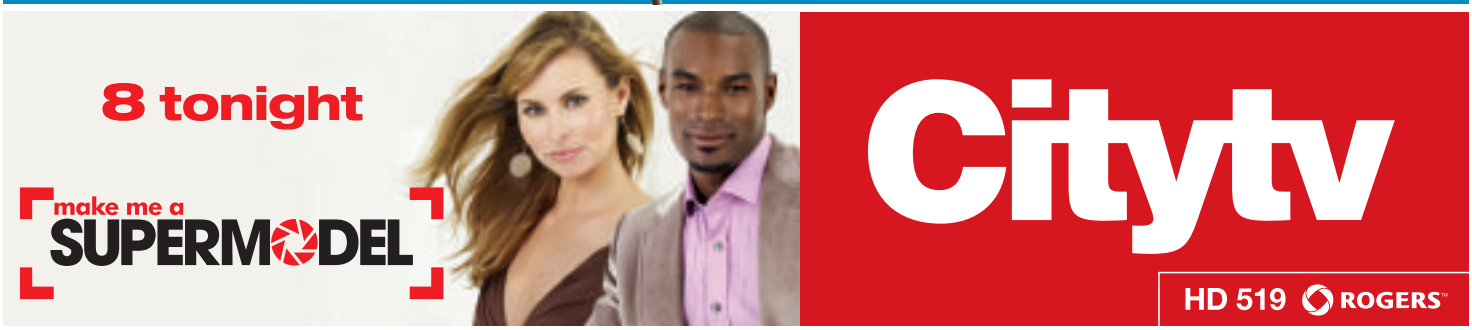
Woman facing charges
A woman has been charged with leaving her child unattended after a five-year-old boy was left alone in an east-end apartment Monday morning. Rosa Benjamin, 27, of Toronto, has been charged. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Bogey for environment ministry

Ontario's environment ministry is being slammed in a new report for allowing dozens of golf courses on the protected Oak Ridges Moraine to draw billions of litres of water a year with little or no oversight. The report, being jointly released today by the Earthroots and Ecojustice environmental groups, contends the province has not done a proper study of the cumulative impact on the moraine of golf courses and other large water users. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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Read today's news highlights in Metro Snapshot.

News in brief

ACCIDENT A construction worker has died after falling 25 feet on the job in Halton Hills yesterday. Preliminary reports suggest some time before 1 p.m., a Gieffels Design Build worker was working in a penthouse mechanical room at 8020 5th Line. According to Halton Regional Police, the 45-year-old Toronto man died at the scene.
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Just call it Cari-Bama

Festival also recruiting votes

For local supporters of Barack Obama, Toronto's staging of one of the biggest festivals in North America is not just a chance to dance. It's an opportunity to recruit.

The Canadian branch of Democrats Abroad, an organization that is helping register expatriate Americans to vote in the U.S. presidential election on Nov. 4, sees Caribana as a major recruitment opportunity.

Thousands of Americans, including many Canadians with dual citizenship, are expected to flood into Toronto for this weekend's happenings.

"This is something that we can jump about," smiles Caribana performer and volunteer Lillian Allen. An acclaimed dub poet and a professor of creative writing at the Ontario College of Art and Design, the Jamaican-born Allen is looking forward to handing out flyers and talking up Obama at the parade on Saturday.

> **"It's a great opportunity. There are a lot of people with dual citizenship and a lot of people coming in from the States."**
> Lillian Allen

"It's a great opportunity," says Allen, who calls herself "proudly, unequivocally" in Obama's camp, although she is not an American and cannot vote. "There are a lot of people with dual citizenship and a lot of people coming in from the States."

She says "everywhere I've gone and everyone I've spoken to" in the local African-Canadian community is excited by the Obama candidacy. "People are calling up and saying, 'When can we meet, what can we do?'"
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Police discover marijuana during latest bike raids

CHARGES Igor Kenk appears in court today on bicycle theft charges after another series of police raids that recovered 700 more bikes as well as three kilograms of marijuana, found in a cardboard box in a rented garage.

Igor Kenk

The pot was found during three raids Monday on downtown garages, said Det. Chris Chilvers of 14 Division. Police said the garages were rented by Kenk, owner of The Bicycle Clinic, who already faces 60 charges related to bike theft.

Since his arrest, some 3,000 bicycles have been recovered after 16 search warrants were executed at downtown sites, Chilvers said.
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RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE
Kishore Muthreja, seen inside his variety store on Kingston Road, just east of Woodbine, has been robbed 10 times in the past few years. He is closing his store after the latest robbery.

Robbed 10 times, store owner has had enough

The moment the teens swarmed into his shop, Kishore Muthreja knew what was in store for him.

Another robbery. The 10th, to be precise.

As always, it happened fast. Broad daylight. All over in two minutes.

Now, it's all over for Muthreja, the owner of Neighbourhood Mini Mart on Kingston Road, near Woodbine.

Robbed 10 times in the past three years and twice in one week recently, he's closing the store.

Muthreja, 61, had hoped the store would be a respite from his hectic job as a sales rep, but when he slaps the locks on the building Friday, he says he will have lost at least $25,000 — and his peace of mind.

Open late, staffed sometimes by just one employee, often equipped with less sophisticated alarm systems, convenience stores are convenient targets for robberies.
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Smokes targeted

- According to the Canadian Convenience Stores Association, 60 per cent of sales are cigarettes. A study by the association in 2004 discovered higher cigarette prices and illicit markets has led to more robberies in the stores. Muthreja's shop is no exception.

Teen girl facing abduction charges

A 15-year-old girl regularly babysat the six-month-old child she is accused of abducting Monday, police said yesterday.

The 15-year-old was "a friend" of the baby girl's 16-year-old mother, said Staff-Sgt. Mark Alphonso, and had agreed to babysit her from Saturday to Sunday evening.

"There was some sort of trust," Alphonso said.

The 15-year-old accused, who cannot be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, was arrested Monday evening at Warden subway station while with the child. She was charged with abduction.

The child was examined by doctors at the Hospital for Sick Children. The Children's Aid Society was notified of the incident, Alphonso said, but the child has been returned to her mother.

"There are no concerns with regard to the health of the child," he said.

Police would not discuss a possible motive for the abduction.
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Crime

Murder-related warrant issued

MISSISSAUGA Peel police are looking for a man in relation to the June 30 murder of Mississauga resident Orrin Marlon Earle.

A warrant has been issued for 24-year-old Junior Mark Anthony Bennett, also known as "Blacks," who is wanted for obstructing police and firearm-related offences.
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One person killed in Brampton crash
One person is dead, another has serious injuries and a toddler was rushed to hospital following a multi-vehicle crash in Brampton last night. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Woes for tow trucks

You would think a tow truck driver would know better than to test the veracity of a gas gauge.

But over the past few months, Mike Pereira has noticed a rather ironic jump in calls to his Toronto-based towing company, Towtal Roadside Solutions. "Our own trucks keep running out of fuel," he says.

Instead of filling up on their own dime when running low, he explains, his drivers have been challenging the gauge until they get back to the garage, where the company picks up the tab. It's a game they keep losing.

"Our own trucks keep running out of fuel."
Mike Pereira

But that's a minor annoyance, Pereira says, compared to the struggles his company is facing thanks to high gas prices and regulated fees that haven't changed with the times.

Pereira owns 21 trucks but has had to reduce his driving crew to 12 people.

"Fuel is killing us," he sighs, explaining it costs about $100 a day to fuel a single truck — one-quarter of the $400 it brings in on the average shift.

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Police

SIU investigates abuse complaint

PROBE The Special Investigations Unit is probing the case of a man who a judge said was "physically abused" by Toronto police drug squad officers as they stormed a west-end apartment.

Shayne Fisher, 24, suffered a fractured rib, perforated eardrum and bruising around an eye while being arrested on June 7, 2006, at the apartment on Lawrence Avenue West near Keele Street.

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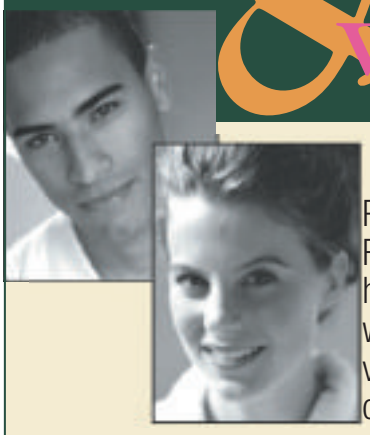

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Arctic ice shelf loses vast chunk

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Canada

Paul had 'cool' time

Paul McCartney says he didn't know what to expect when he came to Quebec after some sovereigntists protested his appearance at Quebec City's 400th birthday bash. "It was really cool to see all the fans and it was great that they had made an effort to come out and give me such an amazing welcome," McCartney said in a website post. "People couldn't have been nicer. It really set such a great vibe for the weekend." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Role of club staff under scrutiny

AGCO probing Muskoka crash that killed 3

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario is investigating the role the staff at a Muskoka-area club could have played in the driving death of three teens.

"If we hear of any possible breach of the liquor licence act by any establishment we look into it," said Lisa Murray, spokesperson for AGCO.

Tyler Mulcahy, 20, Kourosh Totonchian, 19, and Cory Mintz, 20, died on July 3 after the Audi Mulcahy was driving crashed through a guardrail and smashed into a tree halfway down an embankment off Peninsula Road, near Port Carling, before ending upside down in the Joseph River. Mulcahy's girlfriend, Nastasia Inez Elzinga, was in the car at the time but managed to free herself and swim to safety.

Before the crash, the group had a late lunch at the Water's Edge restaurant. Shortly after the crash, the club's regional director, Glenn Phillips, told Torstar News Service, "They did have a drink with lunch, yes."

Tim Mulcahy, Tyler's father, wrote in an e-mail, "In retrospect, it is obvious I would've wanted the Joe Club to take away the keys or stop serving, (if in fact Tyler and the kids were intoxicated — I assume he/they were)."

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Cause of death

- Police reports stated the cause of death as drowning and confirmed alcohol and speed were factors in the crash. A toxicology report is pending.

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Insp. Roland Wells, right, and Cpl. Annie Neilson, an RCMP's collision reconstructionist, speak at a media conference yesterday.

School van unsafe: Report

The school van involved in a terrible crash that killed seven New Brunswick high school athletes and a teacher in January would have failed a safety inspection, according to an RCMP report issued yesterday.

The 15-seat 1997 Ford Econoline clubwagon that shuttled the Bathurst High Phantoms basketball team was riddled with rusted-out holes, its tires worn and scalloped, the rear brakes old and out of adjustment, the report said.

And though the van had passed a safety test in late October, it was not roadworthy when it headed to Moncton for a basketball game that day, according the RCMP mechanic who inspected it.

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Plan would limit pharmacists

HEALTH An Ontario Health Ministry decision to severely limit pharmacists from dispensing so-called pill packs will push independent seniors into long-term care facilities, according to critics.

Effective Friday, the Ontario government will pay for only two pill packs per month under its drug plan, and only with a doctor's prescription. The packs, which include medication for a day or week, allow pharmacists to divide dosages for patients who take several prescriptions. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Australia relaxes refugee rules

Australia will scrap most of the country's tough rules on locking up asylum seekers, but retain the practice for potential refugees who may be a security threat, the government announced yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Recording overwritten

An Australian transport official says investigators will not be able to review the cockpit voice recording of a Qantas jet's mid-air crisis — a hole was blown into the 747-400's fuselage last Friday — because it was overwritten as the crew made a harrowing emergency landing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

INDIA Police defused 18 bombs found yesterday near the main diamond markets in the city of Surat, India, and issued a sketch of a young man believed to be linked to one of two explosives-filled cars discovered there.

NEPAL Ganga Shrestha, 8, a conjoined twin who was separated from her sister during a gruelling, 100-hour operation eight years ago, died yesterday at a hospital in Nepal, a doctor said. She was admitted to hospital three days earlier.

CALIFORNIA The strongest earthquake to strike a populated area of Southern California in more than a decade rattled windows and chandeliers, made buildings sway and sent people running into the streets yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Powers going down: Iran

Iran's president blamed the United States and other "big powers" yesterday for nuclear proliferation, AIDS and other global ills, and accused them of exploiting the United Nations and other organizations for their own gain and the developing world's loss.

Ahmadinejad

But President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said time was on the poor countries' side.

"The big powers are going down," Ahmadinejad told foreign ministers of the Non-Aligned Movement meeting in Tehran. "They have come to the end of their power, and the world is on the verge of entering a new, promising era."

The more than 100-member NAM is made up of such diverse members as communist Cuba, Jamaica and India and depicts itself as bloc-free. But most members share a critical view of the U.S.

And with Iran assuming the chairmanship of the conference yesterday, Ahmadinejad's keynote speech was tailored to reflect the struggle that some NAM members see themselves in against the world's rich and powerful countries.

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Turkey

Warplanes attack Kurdish rebels

STRIKES Turkish warplanes attacked Kurdish rebels in Iraq's north yesterday, killing a group of guerrillas gathered at a mountain cave, the military said.

The Turkish strikes, which a pro-Kurdish news agency said were followed by shelling from Iran, came two days after bombs planted in an Istanbul neighbourhood killed 17 people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel

Military option against Iran open

MIDEAST Israel's defence minister says he has told top U.S. officials that Israel won't rule out a military strike against Iran.

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Suspects detained
Three people have been detained in Antigua in connection with an attack that killed a newlywed British doctor, police said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. senator indicted

Republican Senator Ted Stevens has been indicted on seven counts of falsely reporting hundreds of thousands of dollars in services he received from a company that helped renovate his home.

The 84-year-old is the longest-serving Republican senator and has been a figure in Alaska politics since before statehood.

Stevens has been dogged by a federal investigation into whether he pushed for fishing legislation that also benefited his son, an Alaska lobbyist.

From May 1999 to August 2007, prosecutors said Stevens concealed "his continuing receipt of hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of things of value from a private corporation." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Items found

- The indictment released yesterday said the items included: Home improvements to his vacation home in Alaska, including a new first floor, garage, wraparound deck, plumbing, electrical wiring; as well as car exchanges, a Viking gas grill, furniture and tools.

Not guilty plea for school matron

SOUTH AFRICA A former dormitory matron at Oprah Winfrey's school for poor South African girls has pleaded not guilty to charges that she indecently assaulted and otherwise abused six teenagers at the academy.

Tiny Virginia Makopo, 28, looked nervous and sullen at the start of her trial yesterday.

Winfrey was a victim of child abuse and has promised an overhaul at the school.

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News in brief

RUSSIA Two small, manned submarines glided to the bottom of Lake Baikal yesterday in an effort to learn more about the fragile ecosystem of the world's oldest, biggest and deepest freshwater lake. The Mir-1 and Mir-2 submersibles descended almost 1,600 metres to the bed of the vast Siberian lake — a UNESCO World Heritage site.

DETAINED Afghan intelligence agents detained a TV talk show host critical of the government, the president's spokesman confirmed yesterday, accusing private media of coming under the influence of foreign countries. The government said in a statement that Nasir Fayaz, who hosted a weekly show called Truth, made baseless accusations against two ministers and called for his prosecution.

PROTEST Serb ultranationalists crowded a main square last night to protest the government's plan to extradite former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic to the UN war crimes tribunal, while a few hundred extremists clashed with riot police.

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Business in brief

WAGES Average weekly earnings of employees stood at $791.48 in May, up 0.3 per cent from April. Compared with a year earlier, weekly earnings rose 3.1 per cent whereas consumer prices increased 2.2 per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

JOB LOSSES Starbucks Corp., which already plans to shut 600 stores, said yesterday it is also cutting almost 1,000 non-store jobs as part of its bid to re-energize the brand and boost its profit by cutting costs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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World trade talks collapse

Food crisis likely to increase

The world food crisis is likely to worsen after the collapse of major Geneva-based negotiations aimed at making the international trading system fairer for developing countries.

The Doha round of talks at the World Trade Organization fell apart yesterday amid insurmountable differences between rich and poor nations over how to reduce trade barriers in manufactured goods and agriculture.

The failure of the seven-year-old negotiations was a severe blow to efforts to boost the struggling world economy through expanded trade and will limit new opportunities for nations like Canada that depend heavily on exports.

"There's no doubt that this is a significant setback, especially for our farmers and exporters," said federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz.

Collapse of the negotiations is likely to further inflame the crisis over rocketing food prices, which have already sparked riots around the world and pushed tens of millions of people below the poverty line.

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"There's no doubt that this is a significant setback, especially for our farmers and exporters."
Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz

Superjumbo Bound for Dubai

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Workers of Airbus celebrate as Emirates airline of Dubai takes delivery of an Airbus A380 superjumbo in Hamburg Finkenwerder, northern Germany, Monday. Emirates ordered 58 A380s.

Glass recycling plant closing

PRODUCTION Owens-Illinois said it is closing its Toronto to glass recycling plant at the end of September at a cost of 430 jobs. Production will move to other North American facilities. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

GMAC to stop lease incentives

AUTOMOTIVE GMAC Financial Services said yesterday that effective Aug. 1 it will no longer offer lease-related incentives in Canada, citing steep drops in used vehicle residual values. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ichiro Suzuki reached 3,000 combined hits in the major leagues and the Japanese League with a first-inning single last night against the Texas Rangers. The 34-year-old Suzuki has 1,722 hits in 1,224 MLB games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Angels acquire Teixeira

The Los Angeles Angels acquired slugging first baseman Mark Teixeira, left, from the Atlanta Braves yesterday, a trade that further bolsters the team with the best record in the major leagues. The Angels, clearly aiming at making a World Series run, sent infielder Casey Kotchman and minor league pitcher Steve Marek to Atlanta. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Wozniak advances at Rogers Cup

TENNIS Canadians won one and lost two yesterday as first-round play continued at the Rogers Cup in Montreal.

Wozniak

On the winning side was Aleksandra Wozniak of Blainville, Que., who overcame a rough second set to battle past Chan Yung-jan of Taiwan, 6-2, 1-6, 7-5.

Things didn't go as well for Marie-Eve Pelletier of Rpentigny, Que., who was crushed 6-0, 6-1 by Russian 12-seed Nadia Petrova.

Toronto's Sharon Fichman fared a little better, hanging in against American Jill Craybas before suffering a 6-4, 6-3 loss in her Rogers Cup debut.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Doc burned by Rays

Jays now face must-win today to stay close in AL East

RAYS 3 BLUE JAYS 0

Looking for a sweep of the Tampa Bay Rays to push themselves back to the edges of contention, the Blue Jays now need a huge effort from a 28-year-old making his big-league debut just to avoid losing ground to the AL East leaders.

A strong outing from ace Roy Halladay went to waste in a 3-0 loss last night, as a dominant Matt Garza held an offence that has managed just four runs in its last three games to a mere five hits for his first career shutout.

Coming on the heels of a 3-1 win in the series opener behind an outstanding A.J. Burnett, the Blue Jays ended up on the wrong end of this pitching duel to fall 8 1/2 games behind the Rays before a crowd of 26,791.

VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tampa Bay Rays slugger Eric Hinske gets congratulated in the dugout after hitting a solo home run in the second inning off Blue Jays starter Roy Halladay last night.

Halladay lost for the third time this season versus Tampa Bay while his team is just 3-8 overall versus the doormat-turned-powerhouse Rays. Their hopes of winning the series now rest on Scott Richmond, the right-hander from North Vancouver, B.C., who was pitching in the unaffiliated Northern League last season.

Edwin Jackson goes for the Rays.

Halladay was very good last night, making only two mistakes, but both were costly.

Eric Hinske's solo shot in the third, a bizarre blast that had the umpires confused over whether the ball had left or not, opened the scoring and that was it until the eighth, when Evan Longoria's two-out, two-run triple broke things open.

The Blue Jays, meanwhile, barely managed to reach base against Garza, let alone score.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

NFL Brett Favre has sent his reinstatement paperwork to the NFL and is awaiting approval from commissioner Roger Goodell, league spokesman Randall Liu confirmed yesterday. Once Favre is granted reinstatement, usually a mere formality, the Packers will have 24 hours to release the iconic quarterback or return him to their active roster.

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Sports in brief

NBA A U.S. federal judge has sentenced former NBA referee Tim Donaghy to 15 months in prison for taking payoffs from a professional gambler for inside tips on games.

NBA The Houston Rockets are close to an agreement to acquire Ron Artest from the Sacramento Kings, two people familiar with the negotiations said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

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Fifty per cent of Canadian sports fans believe Canadian athletes will improve upon the 12 medals won at the 2004 Summer Games in Athens, a Canadian Press Harris-Decima poll says. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Beijing Games

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IOC decides to reinstate Iraq

POLITICS The International Olympic Committee ruled yesterday that Iraq could participate in the Beijing Games, reversing an earlier suspension it levied after the government pledged to ensure the independence of its national Olympics panel. The decision followed last-minute talks before today's deadline to submit competitors' names for the athletics events.

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Tomorrow's lineup

SURVIVAL INSTINCT When Joshua Riker-Fox got the news he would be representing Canada in Beijing, he was too busy scrambling to survive to celebrate. Read tomorrow's Metro for more.

8 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

No regrets?

Non-medallists can still have fun: Giles

MATTHEW WUEST
Metro Canada

Canada sent 267 athletes to the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens. Exactly 258 came home without a medal.

In other words, for every Adam van Koeverden who wins an Olympic medal and steals the national spotlight, there are roughly two dozen athletes who fly under the radar.

So what does a non-medallist get out of the Games?

"Hopefully, they get their own Olympic victory," says Peter Giles, Canada's assistant Chef de Mission. "I wish for them all to go over and have that moment where they say, 'Yes, I really succeeded at this.' It doesn't mean you have to stand at the podium. It means having your best performance at that moment."

Giles himself had one of those moments. The kayaker from Lake Echo, N.S., competed at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta and placed seventh in the K-4 1,000-metre event.

"For us, it was something to celebrate, and it's OK if the rest of Canada didn't celebrate that with us," Giles says. "The people who knew us celebrated with us. They got to see us and share in it with us, and we were congratulated for what we did."

Giles says he's never met an Olympian who regrets going to the Games, even ones who don't win medals. All the sacrifices — the early mornings, financial hardships and limited free time — are worth it in the end, according to Giles.

Beyond the competition, athletes lay the foundation for a bright future by competing at the Games.

"Being an Olympian gets you into a club you belong to for the rest of your life," Giles says. "It's something you never get taken away from you. It breaks the ice and opens all kinds of doors."

After Giles competed at the 1996 Olympics, he retired. He finished his PhD in applied physics at Stanford University in California and got a job with General Dynamics Canada. He still works there today as principal systems engineer.

He also has been involved with the Canadian Olympic Committee and Canoe-Kayak Canada in various capacities.

Giles says his Olympic background helped him get his start as a young professional. He had very little direct experience when General Dynamics Canada hired him in 1999.

"The fact that I was an Olympic athlete encouraged them to take a chance on me," Giles says. "That's probably the key. It gives you something to put on your resumé that's pretty rare. If that's enough to get someone to say, 'Let's take a chance on this person,' that can be all the difference for you."

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Hurdler Perdita Felicien was expected to win gold at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens. Instead, she failed to finish the 100-metre race after colliding with a competitor.

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Report blasts China over human rights

POLITICS China has failed to improve its human-rights record in the run-up to the Olympics, with the government intensifying its crackdown on activists in recent years, Amnesty International charged in a report released yesterday.

Amnesty said that in the past year alone, thousands of petitioners, reformists and others were arrested as part of a government campaign to "clean up" Beijing before the games, which open Aug. 8. It said many of those arrested have been sentenced to manual labour without trial.

Chinese human-rights activists have been targeted elsewhere in the country as well, Amnesty said in its report.

It cited the case of Sichuan-based activist Huang Qi, who was formally arrested earlier this month on charges of possessing state secrets. The case, though, is believed to stem from his work helping the families of children killed in May's earthquake bring a legal case against local authorities, Amnesty said.

The organization said the Games, touted by Chinese and Olympic officials alike as a way to help expand freedoms in the authoritarian country, have instead led the government to muzzle critics in hopes of presenting an image of harmony and stability to the outside world.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao rejected the report yesterday, saying: "We hope Amnesty can take off the tinted glasses it has worn for many years and see China in an objective way."

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Electric conspiracy?

Advocates charge governments spurning low-speed vehicle issue

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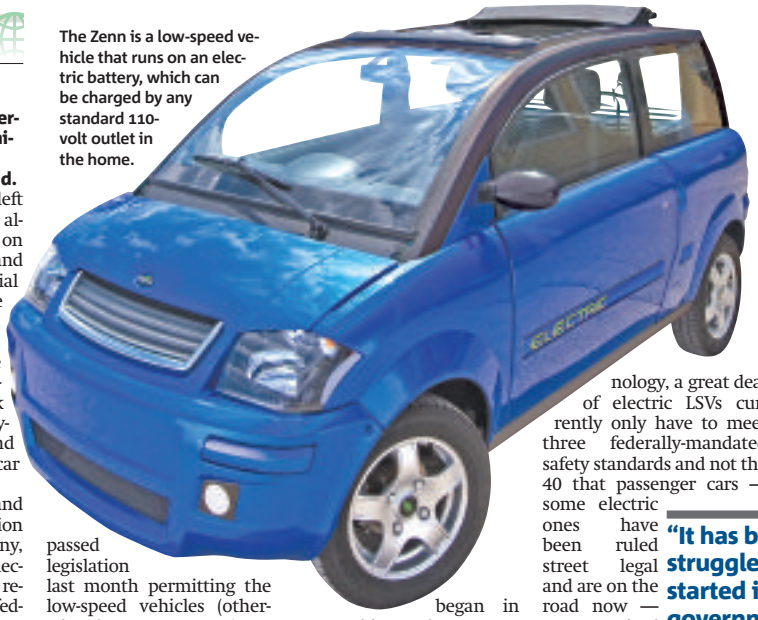
Though the electric car may provide a viable alternative to gas-fuelled vehicles, its future in Canada may still face a rocky road.

Transport Canada has left the hot-potato issue of allowing chargeable cars on the nation's highways and byways up to provincial governments. So far, the environmentally-friendly cars are trickling onto the scene in some provinces, but it's not exactly the kind of quick progress environmentally-conscious advocates and officials in the electric car industry want to see.

Ian Clifford, founder and CEO of Zenn (Zero Emission No Noise) Motor Company, says his Toronto-based electric car manufacturer has received no backing from federal and provincial governments despite their declared commitments to reducing auto emissions.

"It has been a real struggle since we started in 2000," says Clifford. "There was interest, but no support for it. It's frustrating. Our governments are wasting time and opportunity for consumers who want a zero-emission choice."



The Zenn is a low-speed vehicle that runs on an electric battery, which can be charged by any standard 110-volt outlet in the home.

So far, British Columbia passed legislation last month permitting the low-speed vehicles (otherwise known as LSVs) on roads with limits of up to 40 km/h. This month, Quebec approved their use on roads with speeds of up to 50 km/h, provided drivers equip them with an orange triangle, indicating a slow-moving vehicle.

For its part, Ontario only allows electric cars in its municipal parks and conservation areas as part of a five-year pilot test the province began in 2006. This week, Queen's Park announced it's commissioning an additional independent safety study of LSVs.

Both Ottawa and the provinces claim safety is the issue. An official source (who asked not to be named) at Transport Canada and Bob Nichols, media liaison for Ontario's Ministry of Transportation, say while there is support for the technology, a great deal of electric LSVs currently only have to meet three federally-mandated safety standards and not the 40 that passenger cars — some electric ones have been ruled street legal and are on the road now — are required to meet. The government's concern, Nichols says, is with the proper integration of LSVs with high-speed internal combustion vehicles.

"In reality, there are major safety differences between LSVs and passenger cars." Nichols wrote via e-mail. "In the event of a crash, low-speed vehicles offer very little in the way of occupant protection. We are worried about people being killed or injured in these vehicles when operated on public roads in mixed traffic. Cars that are both green and safely designed are the vehicles we want on our roads."

Activists and politicians don't buy the argument, saying this is nothing but more political posturing and a game of optics.

"I'm reluctant to call their argument nothing but conspiracy, but I find it to be disingenuous," says Jean Langlois, national campaign director for the Sierra Club of Canada. "They call it a safety concern for a lighter electric car to share the road with heavier and faster gas-fuelled cars. But as a cyclist, how is it OK for me to share the road with them?

"Ontario, for example, says it's testing the use of electric cars in provincial parks and conservation areas. This gives (Premier) Dalton McGuinty a political out: He can now say, 'Well, we're still testing them,' without moving the issue forward and keep the auto industry and unions happy. It's not good social or environmental policy."

> **"It has been a real struggle since we started in 2000. Our governments are wasting time and opportunity for consumers who want a zero-emission choice."**
> Zenn CEO Ian Clifford

Federal Green party environment critic Mike Nagy goes as far to say that special interest groups have their nozzles in Ottawa's fuel tank, and Canadian emission standards trail behind other countries as a result.

"The Conservatives are tied to big oil, and big oil feeds a lot of cars," he says. "Canada should be leading on this and it's lagging drastically behind. California has better emission standards, and with all their cars, if they can do it, we can do it. We have the tools to do it, and there's no good reason not to get moving on it."

Feeling Zenn

- The Zenn is a low-speed vehicle that runs on an electric battery, which can be charged by any standard 110-volt outlet in the home. It has a range of approximately 56 kilometres (35 miles) per charge with a full charging time of eight hours. The Zenn has a top speed of 40 km/h and the company claims it can travel up to 395 kilometres (245 miles) on the equivalent amount of energy contained in a single gallon of gas. Zenn currently has no retail outlets in Canada, but the company says it's working on a timeline toward establishing some.

Honda unveils eco-friendly roadster

Honda's low-emission sports car design study was recently revealed at the British International Motor Show in London.

The lightweight roadster displays one of Honda's core engineering principles — to design stylish and exciting cars that are also environmentally responsible.

Named the OSM (Open Study Model), the two-seater joins the confirmed-for-production CR-Z sports hybrid and FCX Clarity hydrogen fuel cell car.

"We're trying to show that low-emission cars can be attractive," says Andreas Sittel, project leader for the OSM. "There is no reason why a car that's more environmentally friendly can't look great, too — and be sporty and fun to drive."

At present, there are no plans for it to enter production.

R&D

- The roadster was designed by Honda's R&D facility in Offenbach, Germany. It's the latest example of the young talent being developed within Honda's design studios in Europe — following the Honda Small Hybrid Sports Concept (Geneva 2007) and the Accord Tourer Concept (Frankfurt 2007).

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BMW's little beauty

MICHAEL BANOVSKY
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BMW's baby 1 Series has been around in Europe for a couple years now, but after a brief romance with its small 318i back in the late '90s, the company didn't think Canadians would buy into a small BMW model any time soon.

So, we had to await the invention of a 1 Series coupe and convertible before we could buy a BMW smaller than its popular 3 Series model.

The tidy little 1 Series Coupe and Cabriolet are spearheading BMW's return to a smaller, lighter, more affordable car, slotting nicely under the increasingly larger, heavier and more expensive 3 Series.

Though a range of engine options are available in other markets, we're only getting two: The 128i with a 230-horsepower, 3.0-litre, in-line six, and the 135i, which has a superb 300-hp, twin-turbo version of the same 3.0-litre unit.

In its closed format, the 1 Series starts at $33,900 for the base 128i while the twin-turbo 135i carries a proportionately higher $41,700 to reflect its added performance and equipment levels. The convertible model 128i carries a sticker price of $39,900 with the range-topping 125i Cabriolet priced at $47,200 for the pleasure of open-air motoring.

Speaking of the top, it will raise and lower in 22 seconds at speeds up to 40 km/h. Thanks to some clever engineering, the electro-hydraulic unit takes up precious little trunk space. For two people, there's enough room for a few weeks worth of bags — but you'll have to keep your shopping on the rear seats. If you'd like the numbers, the trunk has 260 litres of cargo space with the top down and 305 litres top up.

The crisp, clean lines and compact shape of the Coupe are quite attractive to the eye but our tester was the big power 135i Cabriolet … just right for the pleasures of sunny summer days, top-down driving and the call of the open road.

Inside, tech toys abound, including optional Bluetooth phone integration, navigation, and iDrive. I'm happy they included an auxiliary input jack, but the lack of cubbyholes in the centre console meant my Ipod Touch sat in one of the cupholders.

Talking about how the 135i Cabriolet drives is a matter of mixed messages. On the plus side, it does handle very nicely indeed. The engine snarls musically with … ah, shall we say eager throttle applications. Heel-and-toe downshifts from the standard six-speed manual transmission are a blast with the top down, and the world is simply a series of corners. All that performance doesn't come with a hefty penalty at the pumps either: We saw around 10 L/100 km even with enthusiastic use.

On the down side were some surprising cowl shake and ride quality that are a little too stiff for "normal" everyday driving needs.

Despite such niggles, BMW's 1 Series is surely something to salivate over.

2008 BMW Cabriolet

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Highlights

- An open-top BMW for less money
- 135i is a poor man's M3
- Handling, muscular sport suspension on the 135i
- Build quality

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CAA updates driving costs brochure

With summer's busy driving season in full swing and increasing demand for numbers that reflect current gas prices, the Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) has released an updated version of its 2008 Driving Costs brochure, available at www.caa.ca.

A comprehensive look at the total cost of personal vehicle ownership in Canada, Driving Costs is a perennial favourite with drivers from coast to coast. Once again, CAA has teamed up with Runzheimer International to capture the average cost of private vehicle ownership of a mid-size car and a minivan in Canada.

Costs

- Driving Costs is designed to help motorists determine operating costs whether going on vacation, considering the purchase of a new vehicle, or adding an additional vehicle to help juggle a family's busy lifestyle. The calculations are based on: Fuel consumption; maintenance, such as oil and tires; vehicle depreciation; insurance; and a number of other factors.

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Saddle up with Mustang

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Few other convertibles, if any, can match the depth and breadth of choices the Mustang offers: Meaning fans of the Ford marquee can dress this trusty steed to match any desire.

Mustangs are meant to run free, especially the seasonable sensible convertible version. On winding country roads and countless straightaways. Along sun-dappled avenues, down funky alleyways, across highways and through high-baked curves. In short, all those roads and routes criss-crossing the Canadian landscape.

So it's a good thing the 2008 drop-top is one of the best-handling Mustangs ever.

Although not much different visually than the '07 model, the engineers at Ford designed-in more chassis stiffness into the current version than the previous generations and, combined with its solid suspension system, it's certainly a nice handling machine — even in its base-model guise.

Few other convertibles, if any, can match the depth and breadth of choices the Mustang offers: Meaning fans of the Ford marquee can dress this trusty steed to match any desire … from the affordable and fuel-efficient V6-powered entry-level 'Stang right up to the range-topping V8-powered GT with the California Appearance Package.

The base Mustang V6 convertible makes less of a dent in your budget, starting at $27,875. It includes cruise control, keyless entry, air conditioning, satellite radio and 16-inch aluminum wheels in the standard equipment list.

Next up, but still with V6 power, is the $28,563 Pony Package option. It makes your sweet ride even sweeter, dressed up with a unique "pony" grille motif, fog lamps, front fender badges, lower door tape stripes and 17-inch cast-aluminum wheels. To top it all off, the Pony also gains traction control, ABS and a pair of stabilizer bars.

Incidentally, an exclusive-to-Canada V6 Appearance option comes with Pony-capped 18-inch polished aluminum wheels, racing stripes and a metallic fuel door for added emphasis.

If the V6's 210 horsepower isn't enough for you, the $34,920 GT convertible with a 300-hp V8 might suffice — albeit with a price to be paid at the gas pump.

Saddling up the GT California Special will set you back $37,242. This package includes: Bright exhaust tips; a unique front fascia with a larger air intake and low chin spoiler; mid-body GT/CS stripes; 18-inch polished aluminum wheels; and heated leather front seats.

So the Pony can gallop any way you want it. The base 4.0-litre V6 is a strong yet efficient unit with much to commend it if daily commuting is your lot in life. But the rambunctious 4.6-litre V8 in the GT is what this car is all about.

2008 Ford Mustang

Type: Mid-size 4-pass. convertible RWD
Price: $28,875 - $37,242
Engine: 4.0L V6 SOHC/4.6L V8 SOHC
HP: 210 @5,300 rpm/300 @ 5,750 rpm
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- Great looks, great sound, great prices
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- Relative economy with V6 engine

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What do maintaining proper tire pressure and healthy blood pressure have in common? A recent poll reveals that we place nearly equal importance on vehicle health and personal health.

Results of a recent Shell survey show 73 per cent of us go out of our way to make sure our cars are in tip-top condition through maintenance, while 68 per cent try to keep physically fit through regular exercise.

Similarly, the survey shows 40 per cent bring our cars in for maintenance at least once every 10,000 kilometres, and 35 per cent go to the doctor more than once a year.

Just as prevention is the key to good health, it's also the key to good auto health.

While many understand the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle, including stocking up on fruits and veggies (68 per cent), a large majority (63 per cent) also make sure their vehicles use only the best parts and accessories.

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Rideau Canal Festival

Named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2007, a brand new festival has been launched this year to honour this famous waterway. From Aug. 1 to 4, there will be eco-friendly happenings on and beside the Canal in the Ottawa area. There will be colourful flotillas, an environmental fair, and, of course, food. METRO NEWS SERVICES

The City of Light doesn't have to cost

Discovering Paris on a budget

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Parisians relax in the Luxembourg gardens. While Paris may be the most visited city in the world, it's also one of the most expensive. Yet for those in the know, there are plenty of cheap — and even free ways — to enjoy the city.

Paris may be the most visited city in the world, yet it's also one of the most expensive. "This city is worth the price," says veteran tourist Alex Wadkin, 71, a retiree from Dublin, sipping a $6 US cup of coffee on the Champs-Elysees.

"If you avoid expensive neighbourhoods — like this one — you'll do all right. But the key is to plan ahead." For travellers on a budget, the choices can be tough: Stay in a far-flung suburb and eat a baguette for every meal, or leave happy but broke. Yet for those in the know, there are plenty of cheap — and even free — ways to enjoy the city.

The sights

The Eiffel Tower may be impossible to miss for any self-respecting tourist, but it costs $19 to reach the top and long lines leave you exhausted by the time you reach the celebrated view.

Instead, do as the Parisians do: Come in the evening, pack a picnic, and sit on the sprawling lawns surrounding it to watch the sunset and admire the tower alight at night.

For a great view of Paris, just hike up to the top of Montmartre and sit on the Sacre-Coeur Basilica's steps overlooking the city.

The museums

Try to time your visit to include the first Sunday of the month, when the Louvre and all the major museums are free. And students, always have your ID card on you.

Don't discount a couple smaller free museums. Le Musee Carnavalet has lots to offer: Located in the gorgeous Marais neighbourhood, it retraces Paris' rich history, from the Revolution to today. Meanwhile, the Petit Palais, an architectural beauty in the heart of Paris, shows off collections from Paris in the 1900s all the way back to antiquity.

For photography fans, the gates surrounding the Luxembourg gardens host free open-air exhibits featuring stunning large-scale photography from around the world. And don't forget to go into the park, where Parisians hang out by the fountain, get a tan, and listen to free music on summer weekends.

The wandering

A year ago, Paris debuted an extensive system of rental bikes that you can help yourself to for just $1.50, credit card only, a day at numerous spots all over town. Velib', as they are called, are a great way to wander around the city independently. However Paris traffic can get pretty hairy, and the bikes don't come with helmets, so stay alert.

And there is always the Seine River. Try the Batobus — it's $19, but unlike other flyboats its tickets are good for a whole day, and you can hop on and off with ease at eight top sightseeing spots.

The food

For typically French food, no need to go to expensive restaurants. Try Le Bouillon Chartier, not just for its stunning art deco interior but for its simple, affordable fare. Or pick up a traditional French picnic at La Cantine de Quentin, and walk over to the lovely Saint Martin Canal. For gourmet ice cream with a view, try Berthillon, at the tip of the Ile Saint Louis, a little island in the middle of the Seine.

Peruse Paris' traditional outdoor markets. One of the best and least expensive is the Belleville market on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The room

If you're staying for a week or even just a few days, short-term rentals found on Craigslist can be a lot cheaper than hotels. For an intermediary and a bit more peace of mind, the one-woman company Alcove & Agaves will set you up in lovely Parisian homes (www.bed-and-breakfast-in-paris.com). If you can afford to, avoid budget hotels or rentals in the suburbs, as you'll waste too much time on transportation.

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PARMESAN CONFETTI DIP

Prep: 10 min Ready In: 10 min Makes: 2-1/3 cups

INGREDIENTS: 1/2 cup ***MIRACLE WHIP*** Dressing + 1 cup sour cream + 1/2 cup KRAFT 100% Parmesan Grated Cheese + 1/2 cup each: finely chopped green and red pepper + 1/2 tsp. garlic powder

DIRECTIONS: 1) MIX 2) REFRIGERATE 3) SERVE 4) BRACE yourself for unique flavour.

ARTICHOKE AND PEPPER PARM DIP

Prep: 10 min Ready In: 1 hr 10 min Makes: 3 cups

INGREDIENTS: 1 cup ***MIRACLE WHIP*** Dressing + 1 pkg. (250 g) PHILADELPHIA Brick Cream Cheese, softened + 1/3 cup KRAFT 100% Parmesan Grated Cheese + 1 can (398 mL) artichoke hearts, drained, coarsely chopped + 1 red pepper, chopped + 2 green onions, chopped

DIRECTIONS: 1) MIX cream cheese and dressing. 2) ADD remaining ingredients. 3) REFRIGERATE. 4) BRACE yourself for unique flavour.

BAKED CHEESY BROCCOLI DIP

Prep: 10 min Ready In: 40 min Makes: 3 cups

INGREDIENTS: 1 cup ***MIRACLE WHIP*** CALORIE-WISE Dressing, 25% less calories than our regular product + 1 pkg. (300 g) frozen chopped broccoli, thawed, well drained + 1/4 cup finely chopped drained roasted red peppers + 1/2 cup KRAFT 100% Parmesan Grated Cheese Light, 26% less fat than our regular product + 1 cup KRAFT Part Skim Mozzarella Shredded Cheese, divided

DIRECTIONS: 1) PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Combine dressing, broccoli, peppers, Parmesan cheese and 1/2 cup of the mozzarella cheese. 2) SPREAD into 1-L baking dish or 9-inch pie plate. 3) BAKE 20 to 25 min. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese. Bake an additional 5 min. 4) BRACE yourself for unique flavour.

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Ruinous plan **Five-star battle in Istanbul**

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These ruins of an ancient palace in Istanbul are at the centre of a battle among archaeologists, lawyers and developers. The dispute pits developers of a site housing the luxury Four Seasons Hotel against critics who say work on a 60-room annex is desecrating the remains of an imperial headquarters built more than 1,500 years ago on the same land.

Rating the world's Top 10 ethical travel destinations

RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL In an effort to get travellers off the beaten path and support destinations in developing countries, a group called Ethical Traveler has published a list of the 10 best ethical destinations.

The honorees on the list, in alphabetical order, are Argentina, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Estonia, Namibia, Nicaragua, and South Africa.

The organization said in a statement that many countries "are making noble attempts to preserve their natural assets, create a user-friendly infrastructure, and build an economy where their citizens share the benefits of tourist revenue.

"By bringing our commerce to such places we encourage their efforts, and inspire neighbouring countries to support these values as well."

To create the list, Ethical Traveler looked at environmental protection, social welfare and human rights in the world's developing nations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

On the web

- For more information, visit ethicaltraveler.org.

Tourism drop hits Quebec regions

LEAN TIMES When it comes to travelling in La Belle Province this summer, it seems that all roads point to Quebec City. While tourists are spending their hard-earned dollars in the provincial capital for its 400th anniversary celebrations, it appears other regions of Quebec have had to settle for leaner times so far this summer. But a rainy summer, Americans staying home in droves, rising gas prices and a strong Canadian dollar have all played a part as well. The situation is more dire in places that are further from city centres, such as the Gaspe region. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Garlic fest

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The Joggins Fossil Cliffs on the Bay of Fundy in Nova Scotia are included in UNESCO's additions.

More world heritage to see

United Nations adds 19 more sites at Quebec conference

Baha'i holy places in Israel, the Monarch butterfly biosphere reserve of Mexico, and the historic centre of Camaguey, a Spanish colonial town in Cuba first settled in 1528, are among the new sites added to the UNESCO World Heritage list.

The UNESCO World Heritage Committee met this month in Quebec City to add the 19 cultural sites and eight natural sites to the list, which now numbers 878 sites in 145 countries. Detailed information about each site is available at whc.unesco.org/en/news /453.

In Mexico, in addition to the butterfly reserve, the fortified town of San Miguel and the Sanctuary of Jesus Nazareno de Atotonilco, cited for their architecture, were added to the list.

In Europe, new UNESCO World Heritage sites are the ancient stone walls, shelters and landscape of Stari Grad on the Adriatic island of Hvar in Croatia; 17th-century fortifications along the borders of France; innovatively designed Modernist housing in Berlin, dating from 1910-1933; the Italian towns of Mantua and Sabbioneta, cited for architecture and their role in Renaissance culture; eight wooden churches dating to the 16th through 18th centuries in Slovakia; the Rhaetian Railway, which includes two historic railway lines in Italy and Switzerland that cross the Alps; and Mount Titano and the historic centre of San Marino, which dates to the 13th century.

In Asia and the South Pacific, new sites added to the World Heritage list are Cambodia's Temple of Preah Vihear; the "tulou" of China's Fujian province, which are circular communal earthen houses; Melaka and George Town, historic cities of the Straits of Malacca in Malaysia, cited for their unique multicultural heritage as trading sites between Asia and Europe; the Kuk swamps in New Guinea, which contain archeological evidence of thousands of years of farming; and three sites on islands in Vanuatu associated with a 17th-century chief, Roi Mata.

In the Middle East, the World Heritage list now includes, in Iran, the Armenian monasteries of St. Thaddeus and St. Stepanos and the Chapel of Dzordzor; Al-Hijr, Saudi Arabia's first World Heritage property, an archeological site preserving Nabataean civilization dating to the first century BC, and the Socotra islands in Yemen, cited for their biodiversity.

In Africa, Kenya's Mijikenda Kaya Forests were recognized for the remains of fortified villages dating back centuries that are now considered sacred sites, and Le Morne, a mountain on the coast of Mauritius, included for its history as a shelter for runaway slaves.

Natural properties added to the UNESCO list, in addition to the Mexico butterfly reserve, are Canada's Joggins Fossil Cliffs, a fossil-rich area of Nova Scotia; China's Mount Sanqingshan National Park, noted for its scenic landscape and "fantastically shaped" granite peaks and pillars; the coral reefs and lagoons of New Caledonia; Surtsey, an island in Iceland formed by volcanic eruptions in the 1960s that is a pristine laboratory for plant and animal life; two nature reserves in the steppe and lakes of Northern Kazakhstan; and a geologically significant mountainous area of Switzerland known as the Glarus Overthrust.

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A view of the calm after the storm.

The clouds are black with locust-like raindrops. Lightning strikes. There is a rumble in the distance.

I'm seated two rows back from the cockpit, in a tiny 19-seater, on my way from one stunning Filipino island to another. The clouds look ominous, the wind is picking up. In this relatively flimsy plane, this type of weather doesn't bode well.

First comes the rain. As we pass through a now raging storm, water crashes through the pilot's window and drips onto the console. The pilot tries in vain to keep the water out, and diagonal droplets pelt him in the face. The plane dips, wobbles and jerks. At 30,000 feet, this is one hell of a roller-coaster.

If the plane were a Boeing 747 I'm sure this weather would be a mere blip on the flight, but, seated in this piece of crap airplane with a direct view into the cockpit, I feel every bump. I'm filled with fear.

Palms sweaty, with a death grip on the seat in front of me, I cinch my seatbelt tighter, close my eyes and focus on my breathing.

I've turned into what some might call a nervous flyer. I familiarize myself with the exits as soon as I get on a plane, I always wear my seatbelt — even if the seatbelt sign is off — and I regularly review the emergency safety manual.

Palms sweaty, with a death grip on the seat in front of me, I cinch my seatbelt tighter, close my eyes and focus on my breathing.

In my lifetime, I've taken hundreds of flights and, over the next few months, I've planned for at least 20 more. With those odds, I can't help but think that probability is decreasingly in my favour. With all the flying I do, am I not owed a little trouble?

A plane crash seems like a fitting end to this travel writer's career. It may sound morbid, but this is what occurs to me at every takeoff, landing, bump, thump or sign of turbulence.

Of course, statistically, flying is the safest form of transportation. And even if my plane did crash, my chances of surviving are pretty good. In 2006, the BBC reported that "in the U.S. alone, between 1983 and 2000, there were 568 plane crashes. Out of the collective 53,487 people onboard, 51,207 survived."

But as I bounce around like a child on a shoddy carnival ride, water gushing into the cockpit as I clench my teeth, statistics aren't comforting.

Another drop. The plane is shaking like a leaf. So this is how it all ends?

Harrowing flights like this remind me that we've all gotta go sometime. My daily worries melt away, my desires for material things become irrelevant. I have clarity about the most important things in life — play, learn, experience, love.

Just as I start to accept my own mortality, the dark clouds recede, the skies brighten and the killer rain stops. The plane lands and the passengers breathe a sigh of relief. Just another day, just another flight.

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Exploring the sounds of the Marvellous City

LIA HAMA
Metro World News

Tom Jobim and Vinicius de Moraes' Girl from Ipanema is probably still the most famous Brazilian song in the world, and the first thing that comes to mind when you are strolling down the beachfront of Rio de Janeiro.

But the city that gave birth to bossa nova and samba has many other musical styles to offer the visitor. As well as local pop-rock, hip hop and electronic music and the distinctive favela funk that originates from the shanty towns of Rio, there are many fusions of the different styles including samba-rock, electro-samba and bossa-jazz.

You can also hear other Brazilian regional sounds in Rio, including forró, traditional fast-paced music from North East, and maracatu, a rhythm originally from the state of Pernambuco.

Music is an important part of daily life for cariocas — Rio's inhabitants — and it can be heard everywhere: in the botecos (neighbourhood bars) of Santa Teresa, the dance halls of Lapa, the bars around Lagoa, and in open-air concerts in Copacabana beach, Marina da Glória and Sugar Loaf.

The seductive sounds of what Brazilians call the Cidade Maravilhosa, or Marvellous City, offer the perfect soundtrack for a visit to this vibrant city. Follow our guide and you'll know where to go to hear the best music in town.

Samba

Where to go: Lapa and Santa Teresa

Traditional samba saw a rebirth in the 1990s in Rio with the opening of new bars in Lapa, the historical district that's home to the famous aqueduct, Arcos da Lapa. A rising star intimately linked to this renaissance is Teresa Cristina and Grupo Semente, who perform in the area. Two good places to see classic artists and new talent in Lapa are Carioca da Gema (Rua Mem de Sá, 79, Lapa. barcariocadagema.com.br) and Democráticus (Rua do Riachuelo, 91, Lapa). In Santa Teresa, a very famous boteco and restaurant with samba demonstrations is Sobrenatural. (Av. Almirante Alexandrino, 432, Santa Teresa).

CARLOS ALKMIN
Gafieira Estudantina

MPB, bossa nova and rock

Where to go: Circo Voador, Verão da Urca, Oi Noites Cariocas

A good setting to see MPB (Música Popular Brasileira, or Brazilian Popular Music) and local rock live concerts is Circo Voador (or Flying Circus), an outdoor concert venue on Rua dos Arcos, Lapa (*circovoador.com.br*). In summer, the best venue is Verão no Morro, which happens on the mountaintop of Sugar Loaf complex, with a fabulous view of the city (Avenida Pasteur, 520, Praia Vermelha, Urca, *morrodaurca.com*).

Rock and MPB concerts there attract a well-dressed crowd from Zona Sul (the wealthy area of Rio). The popular Oi Noites Cariocas parties were held there, until last year when it was forced to move to Píer Mauá (Rua Rodrigues Alves, 10, Centro. *oinoites cariocas.oi.com.br*).

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Funk

Where to go: Favelas

Born in the favelas, Rio's bass-heavy funk music is now part of the city's mainstream culture, attracting wealthy people as well as the favelas' communities. A famous baile (dance or ball) funk, which attracts lots of tourists, is Castelo das Pedras, in Jacarepaguá. (Estrada de Jacarepaguá, 3600, Rio das Pedras, *castelodaspedras.com.br*).

Gafieira

Where to go: Lapa

Rio's old-school-style dance halls, the gafieiras, were originally established in the 1920s for the urban working class but nowadays attract a young trendy crowd from Zona Sul as well as artists, musicians and dancers. The most famous one is Gafieira Estudantina, which opened in 1932, holds 1,500 people and is open for dancing all night long. (Praça Tiradentes, 79, Centro).

Forró

Where to go: Feira de São Cristóvão

At this traditional fair you can find a bit of the Brazilian Northeast in Rio. About 700 tents offer typical food, handcrafts, music, dance and poetry from this part of the country. Bands playing forró (traditional fast-paced music from the North East) perform in the central square alongside impressive rodas de capoeira, circles in which peformers show off their skills in capoeira, an Afro-Brazilian mix of martial art and dance. (Campo de São Cristóvão, São Cristóvão)

Music stores

Modern Sound

One of the most famous music stores in Brazil, this shop was established in 1966 in the heart of the Copacabana neighbourhood and offers countless shelves of samba, bossa nova, hip hop and dozens of others categories of Brazilian music as well as imports. The small café in the store has live jazz daily. (Rua Barata Ribeiro, 502, Copacabana; *modernsound.com.br*).

Toca do Vinicius

A shop named after celebrated songwriter Vincius de Moraes, specializing in CDs and books of bossa nova. Upstairs, a tiny museum shows original handwritten pieces, personal objects and photos of songwriter and poet Vinícius de Moraes. A must for fans of bossa nova. (Rua Vinicius de Moraes, 129, Ipanema; *tocadovinicius.com.br*).

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How to convince your boss you need time off

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

You know you need a vacation, but convincing the boss might sometimes feel like pulling teeth.

If you use common sense and commit to rejuvenating yourself, though, your employer is more likely to appreciate where you're coming from.

Vacations are a fundamental part of any well-functioning company says Jeff Baldock, president of career coaching firm CareerSport Inc., and being set against them is usually a mistake.

"It's foolish when companies don't value vacations and don't want people to take them. It's strategic for businesses to plan vacations because it helps their employees maintain positive attitudes, high energy levels and focus," Baldock said.

Sometimes employees themselves are the culprit, holding off on vacations in the hopes of earning a bit more money or getting a little more work done than the guy in the next cubicle. On the contrary though, studies have shown people's productivity increases after a holiday, a fact that Baldock says is often lost on people as they burn themselves out trying to be more productive.

"People are really deceiving themselves thinking they are productive when they continue to deprive themselves of a vacation. It's like an athlete having to recover — not having that can really hurt a worker," Baldock said.

Stress and wellness specialist Beverly Beuermann-King says planning before a vacation is crucial. Take time to understand the business cycle and know when your workload will be lightest.

Most businesses tend to slow down a bit during the summer, and others might have regular "off-seasons" where taking time off is not likely to cause any major backlog of work at all. The key is to think ahead.

"Plan far enough in advance how you want your next year to be. Start having conversations earlier with your employer and your family," she said.

Keeping your boss or supervisor in the loop shows your commitment to your work, Baldock says, and it is also likely to gain you respect by showing you don't leave anything to chance.

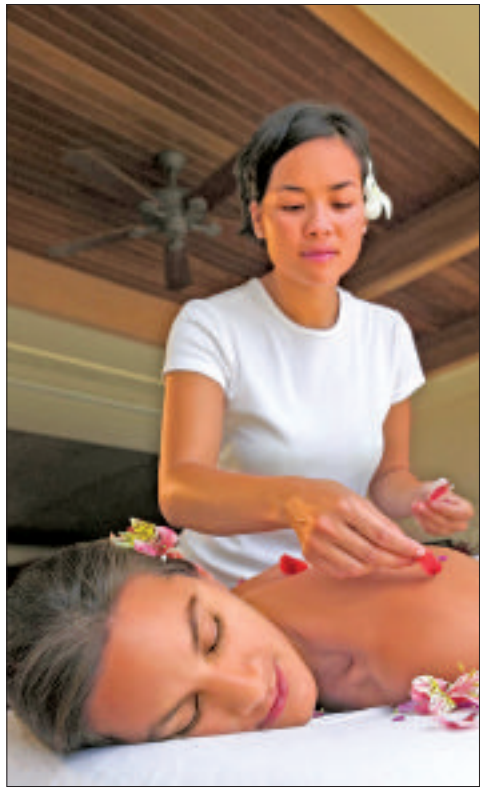
"The fact that you're planning downtime is indicative of your ability to plan in general, and your employer will respect that," Baldock said.

When you do finally get your time off, be sure to make the most of it.

"You're there in a sense to get a job done — to relax and rejuvenate. If you don't recover, then your job wasn't done," Baldock said.

Stay away
from the BlackBerry

- For Beuermann-King, doing any kind of work-related activities — even seemingly innocuous e-mail responses to the office — during a vacation means you can never truly gain the mental break you need from your time off.



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Bad faith left out in the cold

Supreme Court of Canada's ruling turns catastrophic for employees

WorkplaceLaw

It is one of the most important concepts in workplace law — or at least it was.

Since 1997, when the Supreme Court presented Canadian workplaces with the Wallace decision, employers have had an obligation to play nice and behave well at the time of dismissal, or face paying additional "bad faith" damages to a former employee. But following the court's most recent landmark decision, employers now go from strength to strength.

Before Wallace, employers could play legal hardball with relative impunity. Trumped-up allegations of misconduct, bogus reasons for dismissal, malicious references or dragging out litigation for years based on frivolous defences may have been improper conduct, but seldom was there was an incentive to stop it.

In Wallace, the court found the defendant's conduct in handling a dismissal was so cruel that normal employment law damages, which indemnify lost salary only, would not adequately compensate the plaintiff for his loss. With the stroke of a pen, the duty of good faith then became the law of land. As the court reasoned, employees were particularly vulnerable at the time of dismissal and in need of additional protection. Employers listened. If they breached this duty, they would pay additional "bad faith damages," above and beyond the employee's normal severance.

Employees can no longer add zeros to their lawsuits based solely on allegations of bad faith. Evidence of losses ... is needed before these claims will be taken seriously.

Then, in 2005, Kevin Keays, an assembly line worker at the Honda Plant in Alliston, Ont., was fired in the midst of a battle over Honda's skeptical efforts to accommodate his chronic fatigue syndrome. When Keays refused to meet with the doctor selected by Honda to assess whether he was truly ill, he was fired. Concluding Keays was dismissed, in part, because he hired a lawyer and to avoid accommodating his disability, an Ontario judge granted him the largest punitive damages award in Canadian employment law history. In addition, Keays was awarded nine months pay for bad faith damages, on top of his 15 months of wrongful dismissal damages.

Unsurprisingly, Honda appealed the case all the way to the Supreme Court, arguing its conduct in managing a disabled employee was neither high-handed nor a blatant disregard for his rights. Seven of the nine judges who heard the case agreed: "Honda's conduct in dismissing Keays was in no way an egregious display of bad faith justifying an award of damages for conduct in dismissal."

The court decided to make an impact: Redefining workplace law, it ruled that damages for the manner of dismissal should no longer be assessed based on the potential for harm. Rather, actual economic or moral losses would have to be demonstrated instead.

What does this decision mean for Canadian workplaces?

- Employees can no longer add zeros to their lawsuits based solely on allegations of bad faith. Evidence of actual losses, such as longer periods of unemployment, decreased employment prospects or cogent medical evidence of mental distress is required before these claims will be taken seriously.
- Employers, who had feared financial sanction for mishandling terminations or dealing with absent or disabled employees, need no longer be so cautious.
- Punitive damages, which were alleged by employees as a matter of course, will only be awarded in the most exceptional circumstances.

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With a new court ruling, many employees will no longer be able to sue a company for more money based solely on a bad faith dismissal.

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Many midwives

There are approximately 700 midwives practising in Canada. More than half are in Ontario, the province that led the charge to install midwifery as a regulated profession. Regulations took effect on Dec. 31, 1993. METRO NEWS SERVICES

No longer fringe

- Midwifery's proponents say it's no longer a fringe option. It's also necessary, as a looming maternity care crisis has cropped up in Canada because many family physicians don't deliver babies and there is only a finite number of obstetricians.

Midwifery going mainstream

Immediately after delivering baby Benjamin, Melissa Boraski's midwife knew something was wrong.

The newborn's colour was quite dusky, his breathing too shallow. An hour after birth into the comfort of his mother's home, he was whisked off to Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children — the place Boraski had least expected to be.

Little Benjamin underwent open heart surgery, and his mother didn't hold him again for two weeks. Two years have gone by, and now, he's a healthy toddler. And Boraski is swaddling a second babe, seven-month-old Alice.

Despite the shock that accompanied the arrival of her first-born, she used a midwife again and said she'd recommend using a midwife to anyone.

"I felt that having a baby wasn't something that I wanted to be treated like a medical emergency," Boraski said, acknowledging that she did have initial reservations the second time.

"It went really smoothly," she said. "It kind of redeemed the (first) experience. I had a lot of hope for that ideal of having a baby at home. I knew it could be a great experience."

Boraski, 28, is among a growing number of Canadian women turning to a midwife during pregnancy over a doctor or obstetrician. She said the more intimate, personalized care, plus the fact it's funded by the Ontario government, made it an obvious choice.

She found her midwife at a practice called Riverdale Community Midwives in Toronto.

"I feel like every midwife I met at the practice was really compassionate, and they really loved women and loved the care of women," she said. "Just the idea of birth being a family thing, it can happen in the home, it's safe, it can be a spiritual experience. I felt like the midwives honoured that tradition." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Jolie could be next Catwoman
Angelina Jolie is reportedly being lined up to star as Catwoman in a new movie. She is said to be in final negotiations with studio bosses to play the feline villain who first appeared in the Batman comics. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

The Governess
Jennifer Lopez is starring in Yari Film Group's romantic comedy The Governess, about a professional thief who poses as a nanny to the three unruly children of a wealthy widower. EW.COM

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Teens in bloom

Documentary tracks lives of five students

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Stealing test answers, skipping class to play Briscola with the Italian kids, phoning a towing company to take a teacher's car away — ah, those wonderful high school days.

Yep, I was one of those kids, shouted down by the teacher or finding myself in detention hall wearing my army jacket with a Sid Vicious iron-on pinned to it over my Catholic school boy uniform — often for such crimes as challenging creationist theory or even driving over the school's front lawn. I got the handle of "punk-ass anarchist," my "insanity" making me too feared by the student body to be picked on or accepted by anyone but my own kind.

Perfect persona for a journalist, wouldn't you agree? The experts certainly do, weighing in on social behaviour following the release of Nanette Burnstein's American Teen, a documentary tracking the lives of five senior high school students — a jock, a princess, a heartthrob, a geek and an artsy — and their hardships, heartbreaks and decisions impacting their future.

Authorities on the subject argue the high school years are the most formative of one's life. Who you were then greatly defines how you relate in the workplace, at home and in social settings.

American Teen opens in theatres Friday.

"Teens absolutely carry on their behaviour into adulthood."
Ruth Claramunt

"The teenage years are important for all of us," says dating and relationship coach Kateryna Spiwak of datingessentials.com. "We have new independence and self-determination. We meet new people and we encounter a new set of social politics. It's also the beginning of our sexual experiences. We start actively interacting."

Your role in high school can often determine who you are today. The alpha male or female of our youths typically don't change their behaviour, says Spiwak, but she notes those who were passive in their youth can change as years of experience build their confidence. "It happens a lot," she says. "The 'beta' personalities may change after much hard work and confidence building. Their work relationships, especially, become much more self-assured."

Nowhere is the theory of never leaving high school truer than in how we date. Ruth Claramunt, relationship consultant and dating counsellor at introduction service Hearts, says adults looking for romance face the same anxieties as any teenager.

"Teens absolutely carry on their behaviour into adulthood," she said. "My clients often ask the same things teenagers might ask, even well into their 60s. Men ask, 'Should I send flowers?' while women ask, 'Should I call him back?' They're very much like teenagers in that regard. It's an insecurity issue: They're afraid to be who they really are and consequently they end up not enjoying themselves on the date."

Entertainment in brief

CELEBRITY Jennifer Aniston, Scarlett Johansson and Charlize Theron are among the stars signed on for the Stand Up To Cancer telethon in September.

CASTING Jeffrey Dean Morgan, beloved by Grey's Anatomy fans for playing Izzie Stevens' smitten but doomed patient, isn't ruling out the possibility of a return to the show. PEOPLE.COM

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Inspiring a younger crowd

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The cool vibes and sounds drifting from jazz clubs are reawakening a newer, younger generation of listeners.

Though the jazz scene in Toronto seems rather small, there are a few clubs, such as The Rex Jazz & Blues Bar (194 Queen St.), that seem to be attracting a new following of patrons.

Canadian jazz artist Shannon Butcher says she's noticed a much younger crowd hanging around.

"There's a younger crowd coming around to listen to jazz, people in their early 20s are attending jazz pools more than ever before," says Butcher, who recently released her debut solo album, Words We Both Could Say. "I think artists like Norah Jones and Jamie Cullum, who are kind of crossover artists, they've certainly brought some main public attention to jazz recently."

Influenced by her parents' Frank Sinatra music collection, the 32-year-old from Mississauga has been singing since she was six. Later, Butcher pursued post-secondary classical music studies at the University of Toronto.

Butcher's solo record, though a covers album, is chalk full of bold song arrangements and alluring beautiful vocals on songs like Tears for Fears Mad World, Blondie's Call Me, along with No Doubt's I'm Just A Girl.

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New 'Maria' plans break

MUSICAL Budding musical theatre actress Elicia MacKenzie is looking forward to some downtime ahead of rehearsals for the upcoming stage musical The Sound of Music in Toronto, CBC.ca reports.

MacKenzie, who was born in New Brunswick and is based in Vancouver, was named the winner of CBC-TV's reality search How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria? during its live finale Monday night.

Yesterday morning, she was still shocked at winning the lead role of Maria von Trapp. After completing an intense few months on the televised competition, MacKenzie said yesterday she plans to "go home, and see my family and friends, and take it easy" until rehearsals begin in Toronto on Aug. 18.

"I've learned so much being on this show," MacKenzie said. "I'm just gonna stay focused. I'm a hard worker, so that's what I'm gonna be doing."

The upcoming Mirvish production of The Sound of Music is slated to begin previews Oct. 3. Tickets are on sale now.

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CBC PHOTO

Elicia MacKenzie

In brief

TELEVISION An upcoming sitcom slated for CBC-TV has been picked up south of the border by ABC. The show 18 to Life will star Stacey Farber of Degrassi: The Next Generation and Michael Seater of Life With Derek. They play 18-year-old newlyweds struggling to make their marriage work in spite of disapproving family and friends. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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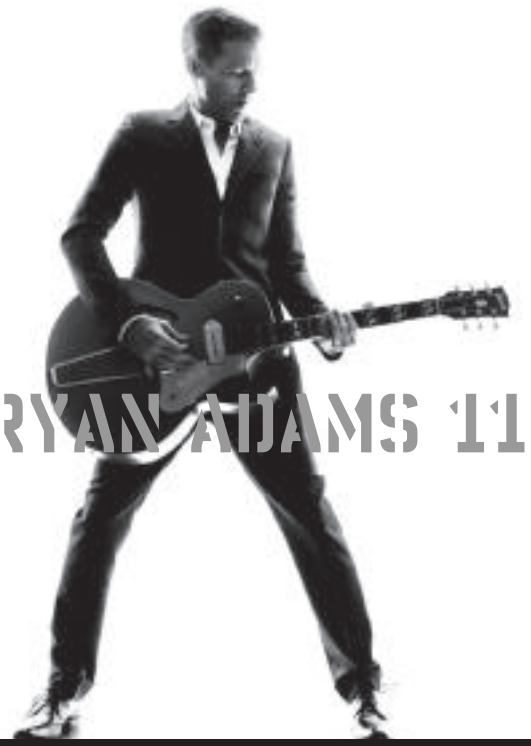

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Reality TV

Model/actress Elizabeth Hurley is to star in a reality TV show about life on a farm in a bid to show viewers she is really down to earth. IMDB.COM

TIFF docs to explore fashion, guitar gurus

FILM FESTIVAL Guitar gurus Jimmy Page and Jack White, fashion icon Valentino and a massive Chinese restaurant will be among the documentary topics explored at this year's Toronto International Film Festival.

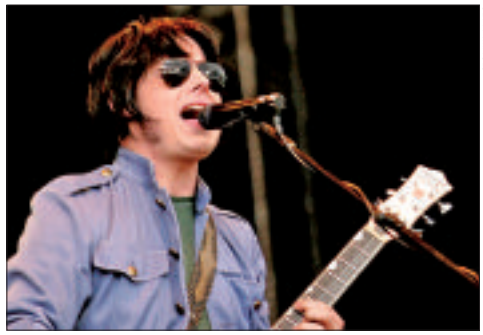
In It Might Get Loud, David Guggenheim — the Oscar-winning director of An Inconvenient Truth — looks at the electric guitar by studying the creative process of Page of Led Zeppelin, White of the White Stripes and The Edge of U2.

Valentino: The Last Emperor is a look at the designer and his entourage by Vanity Fair correspondent Matt Tyrnauer.

And The Biggest Chinese Restaurant in the World, by Weijun Chen, examines the West Lake Restaurant in Changsha, China, said to be the world's largest restaurant.

Other documentaries include A Time to Stir — a four-hour work-in-progress by American Paul Cronin about the 1968 student strike at Columbia University; Youssou Ndour: I Bring What I Love, a look at African tenor Youssou Ndour; and American Swing, chronicling the rise and fall of a New York sex club.

The festival previously announced Larry Charles — whose last project, Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan — was a smash at the festival two years ago, will be back with Religulous. It follows humorist Bill Maher as he interviews people about God and religion. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Police charge Maria judge with assault

ARREST Just hours after CBC-TV's How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria? announced a winner, word emerged yesterday that one of the judges on the reality show has been charged with assault and forcible confinement.

Simon Lee, 46, was arrested in the "early hours of Sunday" in a hotel in the tony Yorkville area after a male in his 20s was allegedly assaulted in a room and held against his will, said Toronto police Const. Tony Vella.

Vella said a third party had contacted police.

Lee, a world-renowned London-based conductor and musical supervisor, appeared in court on Monday morning, said Vella.

He was released on $10,000 bail and has another court appearance set for Aug. 27, said a court official. CBC spokesman Jeff Keay said Lee was at the show's wrap party "very briefly" Monday night but the network has not been in touch with him directly.

"It's our understanding that he was charged in relation to an alleged domestic dispute," said Keay. "Given the fact that that's a private matter and one that's before the courts, it would be really inappropriate for us to say anything further on that." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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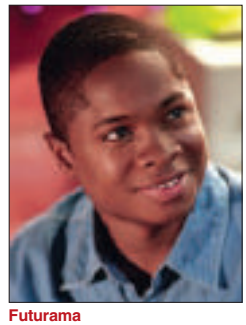
critics' corner

Smallville

And you thought gum only freshened your breath. The band One Republic guest stars in this episode, giving a concert that Kara and Jimmy (Laura Vandervoort, Aaron Ashmore) attend. On the crew is Clark and Chloe's (Tom Welling, Allison Mack) friend Pete (Sam Jones III), who comes back into their orbit when he inadvertently chews some kryptonite gum and gets superpowers. 9 PM on SPC



Futurama

Oil can! Oil can! In a case of mistaken identity, Fry and Bender are convicted of robbery and sentenced to an insane asylum. Bender thinks it's great, but Fry starts to crack after being fed nothing but motor oil. Not many humans could stand this, and that includes Fry; he breaks with reality and starts thinking he's a robot. 8:30 PM on YTV

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Three's a charm
Ugly Betty actor Christopher Gorham and his wife Anel are expecting their third child, a girl, in January. Their two boys are Lucas, 7, and Ethan, 4. PEOPLE.COM

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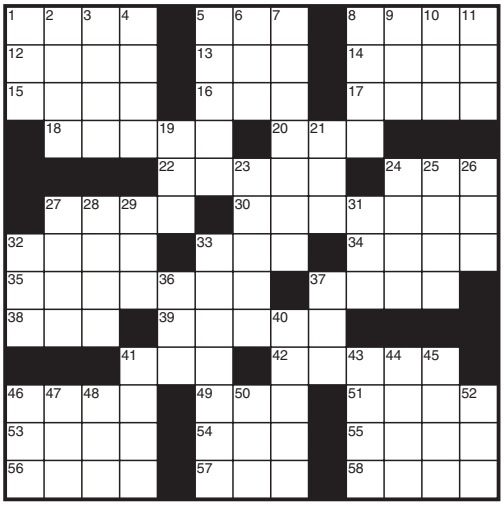

Crossword down

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2 Burger side
3 Pilot's test
4 Make known
5 Bolt of lightning
6 Trireme mover
7 Cry out
8 Canasta play
9 Back when
10 Hold up
11 Slalom run
19 Ceiling fixture
21 Woodworking tool
23 Deep black
24 Pennsylvania port
25 Multiplied
26 Stiller or Affleck
27 Touchdown
28 Diner freebie
29 State further
31 Golfer — Alcott
32 Sprint rival
33 Cheering section
36 Road map info
37 Mag execs
40 Fired up
41 Throw snowballs
43 Restaurant
44 Gumbo ingredient
45 Standoffs
46 Carrey or Henson
47 Keats opus
48 RV haven
50 Moo goo — pan
52 Fish catcher

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Crossword across

1 Furtive sound
5 Rival
8 Zebra female
12 — vera
13 Careless
14 They often clash
15 Campus building
16 Rainbow
17 Underhand throws
18 Eats fast
20 Aberdeen kid
22 Down the road
24 Become less intense
27 Part of G.T.O.
30 Strange
32 Kind of music
33 Computer term
34 Demeanor
35 Witch's vessel
37 Looked at
38 Feverish
39 Played with idly
41 Four-footed pal
42 Cravat cousin
46 Funny story
49 Breakfast item
51 Quite similar
53 Goddess's statue
54 "Norma —"
55 At large
56 Grocery buy
57 Knight's address
58 Manhattan river

previous day's answer

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Horoscopes

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A furtive tyrant asks for help. Your behaviour causes you to be feared. Actions will cast doubt on a courageous friend.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A colleague is breaking the rules. A weakling makes an embarrassing confession. A relative knows that you're concerned.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Pay attention and ask questions of a prophet of doom. A woman shows the way to a beloved's heart. Refuse to overuse clichés.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Take responsibility for your principles. A rebel will have an eye-opening story. A secret creates a high level of frustration.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
A different way to make money will present itself. A field of dreams is waiting to be built. A pushy guy rants about injustice.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Unclear motives make a request burdensome. A distraction makes you consider your options. A friend is bustling with brainy talk.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Get ready for a wild request. An admirer brings out the best in you. An insecure woman will introduce you to someone.

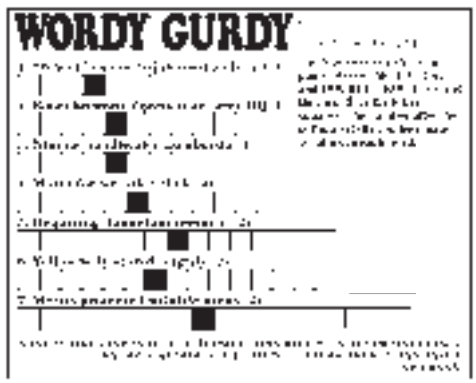
SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24- NOV 22
Take note when magic words are spoken. Take pains to avoid romantic activities. Write down instructions and assess your options.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23- DEC 21
Be calm with someone who attracts your attention. Your prospects are better after a meeting. Explain a career goal to everyone.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Don't believe everything that is said. An unusual remark won't provide reassurance. A dream leads to the fulfilment of your needs.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
A crucial gathering will please a generous partner. Spend time philosophizing with someone at home. A vehicle causes problems.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MAR 20
A male will expose the weakness in a plan. A scary dream will cause you to make plans. A relative is waiting for the door to be opened.



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previous day's answer

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SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:
Under 13 . . . . . Genius
13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21 . . . . . Smart
21-25 . . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practising

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Moonset: 7:47 p.m.

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No condoms for Miley

LifeStyles Condoms has reportedly offered 15-year-old Hannah Montana star Miley Cyrus $1 million US to become the company's spokesperson. Her rep, however, says, "We never received an offer, nor would she consider the offer." **E! NEWS ONLINE**

Celebrity Buzz

Winehouse discharged from hospital

HEALTH Amy Winehouse has been discharged from the hospital 12 hours after she was rushed to an emergency room, People.com reports.

"Amy is fine and she is on her way home," says her U.K. rep, Chris Goodman.

Winehouse, 24, was taken by ambulance from her home in north London to the University College Hospital on Monday night after suffering what was believed to be a seizure. Wrapped in a red blanket, she was taken to the vehicle in a wheelchair while her dad Mitch looked on.

The setback was part of her struggle to get clean, the rep insists. (Both the singer and her incarcerated husband Blake Fielder-Civil, 26, have a history of drug problems.)

"She was taking a new (medication) as part of her anti-drug treatment program," says Goodman. "And it was an adverse reaction to that new drug. You have to try different things but unfortunately this was not the right one."

Last month, the Grammy winner was admitted to a London clinic after fainting at home. Almost exactly a year ago, Winehouse was treated at the University College Hospital for "exhaustion." Her father later revealed she had overdosed and needed her stomach pumped.

She also spent a brief stint in rehab this year.

Winehouse's rep claims the troubled singer plans to take it easy in the coming months.

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Nope, Bello engaged to writer

RELATIONSHIP So much for reports Maria Bello recently hit on a waiter — she's engaged to boyfriend Bryn Mooser, her rep confirmed to People.

The actress, 41, and Mooser, 28, a writer, announced their engagement in Bello's hometown newspaper, The Norristown Times Herald, in Norristown, Pa., which said the couple "fell in love over a sheer passion of politics, Africa and cryptozoology."

Bello told the New York Post's Page Six Magazine she "was always anti-marriage. I didn't understand monogamy. I couldn't figure out how that could last. And then I met Bryn and I started to understand ... having a partner in life."

Bello and Mooser have not set a date yet.

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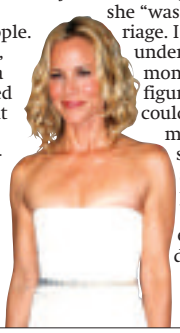

Cowell splits from girlfriend of 6 years

BREAK-UP Simon Cowell has reportedly split from Terri Seymour, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 48-year-old music mogul is believed to have walked out on Seymour, 34, following an arugment over her insecurities, and he has now ended their six-year relationship.

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celebrity briefs

Watts not rushing to the altar

MARRIAGE Naomi Watts fesses up that she's not in any rush to become Mrs. Liev Schreiber, MSN Entertainment reports. "Maybe, I don't know," she told the London Sunday Times. "I never say never, but I'm not desperate to get married."

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Spears on costly exercise regime

HEALTH Pop star Britney Spears has lost weight over recent months, but it hasn't come cheap, the Daily Mail reports. The star signed up to a $22,000 US-a-month diet and exercise regime.

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Sparks vows virginity

MARRIAGE Jordin Sparks has vowed to remain a virgin until her wedding night, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The American Idol winner, 18, even wears a purity ring to show her dedication to her beliefs.

"I don't want to give away bits of my soul to lots of different guys — I want to give all of myself to the right man on the right night, and the right night is my wedding," she said. "You can't say for sure what's going to happen in the next five years, but I really can't see myself breaking my vow. My family would never let me get out of line and run wild."

Sparks is the latest young star to promise her virginity to the person she weds. The Jonas Brothers and Miley Cyrus have also reportedly promised to do the same.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

The condom company is looking to secure Miley Cyrus because one in four teenage girls is infected with an STD. Somewhere, John Mayer is saying, "You're welcome."

What they're not telling you about Amy Winehouse's latest trip to the ER is that she is the first human victim of Colony Collapse Disorder. The mysterious phenomenon has only affected Western honey bees until now, but this is the first case of it actually striking a beehive hairdo. The entire female cast of Mad Men has been put on high alert.

Hard to believe that a relationship involving Simon Cowell has hit the skids. "Sweetheart, were I interested in the kind of sex we had last night, I'd go ahead and become a full-fledged necrophiliac. And I don't care if Randy and Paula liked it, because I didn't."

You want to know the real reason why Naomi Watts is in no hurry to tie the knot with Liev Schriber? It's because she saw the 2004 remake of The Manchurian Candidate.

I know where Britney's coming from. I hate it when my abdomen sparks pregnancy rumours. It goes shopping at maternity stores. It gorges on pimento loaf. I don't try to get rid of it, though. I just tell people it's gas. Then I prove it.

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Expecting mom
Gillian Anderson is expecting a baby boy. The actress confirmed the sex of the expected arrival to talk-show host David Letterman. She is scheduled to give birth in October. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

LaBeouf's struggle with drinking

HEALTH Before his weekend DUI arrest, Shia LaBeouf opened up about his struggles with alcohol in Details' September issue (out Aug. 12), usmagazine.com reports.

LaBeouf, 22, and his father, a former heroin addict, "would drink together and smoke together," the actor told the magazine, "and it's just a bad deal.

"It's not something that is conducive to being a role model — no iconic actors that I know of have problems like that," LaBeouf added. "And I don't know how to do it like a gentleman. I don't know how to have one drink."

The Details interview surfaces days after the actor's DUI arrest early Sunday morning following a night out at West Hollywood's Troubadour club.

LaBeouf's 23-year-old Transformers co-star Isabel Lucas was a passenger in his truck when the accident occurred, sources told usmagazine.com. She was not seriously injured.

Meanwhile, authorities have determined that Shia LaBeouf was not at fault for the accident: Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore says detectives have determined that the other driver apparently ran a red light, and will be also be cited.

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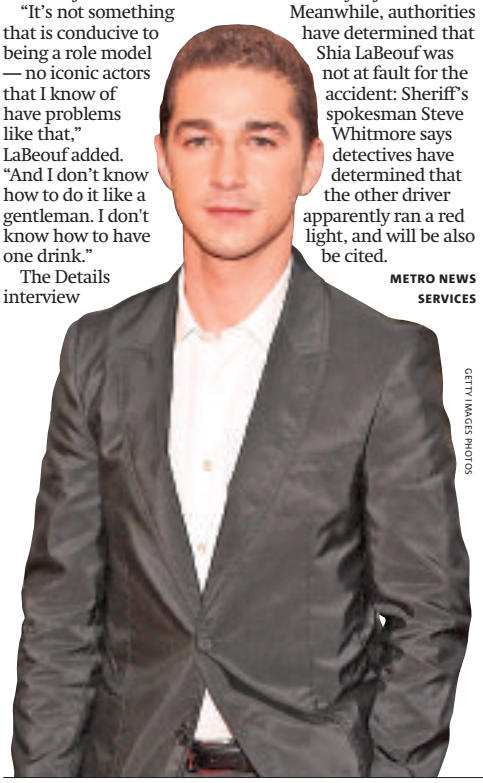
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Meyers quit alcohol for mother

HABIT Actor Jonathan Rhys Meyers kicked his alcohol addiction after the death of his mother — because her untimely demise gave him the determination to do more with his life, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The star's mother, Geraldine Meyers-O'Keeffe, suffered a stroke in November. Meyers was arrested for drunken behaviour at a Dublin, Ireland, airport hours later. She passed away unexpectedly two days later. Myers, who entered rehab in early 2007 to battle alcoholism, insists he has been sober ever since. "I haven't even thought about drinking since my mother passed away," he said. "Drinking is not the way forward for me at all."

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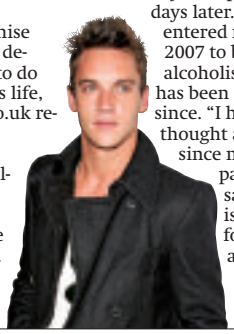

Wahlberg won't sell his baby photos

FAMILY Actor Mark Wahlberg has vowed to buck the trend for multi-million dollar magazine deals by refusing to sell pictures of his new baby, imdb.com reports.

The Planet of the Apes star is expecting his third child with long-term girlfriend Rhea Durham in September.

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Bachelor fiancée vows to keep the ring

BREAKUP The engagement has ended, but former Bachelor fiancée Shayne Lamas says she has every intention of keeping the ring, People.com reports. In the first interview since announcing her split from The Bachelor: London Calling's Matt Grant, Lamas says she has prepared a permanent home for the 2.85-carat Tacori platinum-and-diamond eternity ring now that it's off her finger. "I have it and I am going to keep it forever for the rest of my life," Lamas said. "It's safe and clean and in a glass box like a glass slipper."

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celebrity briefs

24 star delivers late baby boy

FAMILY 24 star Mary Lynn Rajskub gave birth to a baby boy, Valentine Anthony, Thursday — almost two weeks after her due date, her rep Courtney Knittel confirmed to People. "It was like an episode of 24 with the clock ticking," jokes Rajskub.

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Chavira welcomes baby Belen

FAMILY Desperate Housewives star Ricardo Chavira and his wife Marcea Dietzel have welcomed a baby girl, Belen Elysabeth Chavira, Entertainment Tonight reports.

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Ramsay survives icy fall

NEAR-DEATH Hell's Kitchen chef Gordon Ramsay is used to getting into hot water, but he almost died in Iceland's icy waters after plunging from an 85-metre cliff, the New York Daily News reports.

Ramsay lost his footing on a steep cliff face while filming the TV show, The F Word, in Iceland.

"I thought I was a goner," he told Britain's The Sun newspaper. "I remember thinking, 'Oh f—.' My boots and my waterproofs were dragging me down."

The father of four failed to surface from the freezing waters for 45 seconds before finally catching hold of a rope thrown out by the panicked TV crew.

"I'm an extremely good swimmer, but I couldn't get to the surface. I was panicking and my lungs were filling with water," he recalled. "When I got to the top after getting my boots off I was dazed and my head was totally numb."

Ramsay escaped the experience with only a gash on his leg.

"They say cats have nine lives," he said. "I've had 12 already and I don't know how many more I'll have."

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celebrity briefs

MacLachlan new dad to baby boy

FAMILY Desperate Housewives star Kyle MacLachlan and his producer wife Desiree Gruber have welcomed their first child, a boy, People.com reports. Callum Lyon MacLachlan was born Friday in Los Angeles and weighed 8 lbs, 6 oz.

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